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In re Patent Application of:

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For: SURFACE MODIFICATION OF METALS

FOR BIOMOLECULE DETECTION USING SURFACE ENHANCED RAMAN

SCATTERING (SERS)

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Examiner: M. I. Vu.

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.